

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has requested an election of species.

Applicant hereby elects the species of:

(A) Substrate attachment and type of substrate:

polymers that are unattached (non-covalently bonded) to the substrate,
wherein the substrate is a plate type substrate;

(B) Polymer array prepared:

polycarbonates, at least 10 polymers;

(C) Delivery of reagents in each group:

simultaneous delivery of components to two or more regions of a
substrate;

(D) Polymerization control and timing:

control of polymerization is independent for each region and the process
in each region is conducted simultaneously;

(E) Delivery means:

pipette;

(F) Screening:

for an chemical property;

(G) Method of screening:

parallel; and

(H) Further pressurization:

the array is not further pressurized with a gas during polymerization.

New claim 163 reads specifically on the elected species with respect to each of the
subgeneric requirements.

Claims generically readable on the elected species include claims 94-103, 105-112, 115,
116, 121-149, 151, 152, 157-161.

Certain claims read specifically on one or more of the groups of the elected species as noted below:

- (A) wherein the substrate is a plate type substrate (claim 158);
- (B) wherein the polymer is a polycarbonate; wherein the array includes ten or more polymers (claim 107 and 145);
- (C) simultaneous delivery of components to two or more regions of a substrate (claim 99);
- (D) control of polymerization is independent for each region and the process in each region is conducted simultaneously;
- (E) wherein the delivery means is a pipette (claim 103);
- (F) screening for an chemical property (claims 115 and 151);
- (G) screening in parallel (claims 116, 139, 141, 143, and 152); and
- (H) the array is not further pressurized with a gas during polymerization.

Applicants note that upon allowance of a generic claim, the Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species.

Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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Respectfully submitted,

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